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HARDING PLAN WILL NOT WORK

WOOL MANUFACTURER TALKS OF TARIFF—WOOD DECLARES THAT PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION, IF FOLLOWED, WILL MEAN CONFUSION.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Harding's proposal to congress that he be given authority to adjust tariff rates as changing conditions might warrant is "altogether impracticable and undesirable," John P. Wood, of Philadelphia, president of the National Manufacturers' Association of Wool Manufacturers, declared today before the senate finance committee at hearings on the wool schedule in the permanent tariff bill.

Such a plan, Mr. Wood said, would keep industries "in a state of unrest at all times," and would result in constant pressure for changes in rates being brought to bear on the president and the tariff committee, which under Mr. Harding's proposal, would recommend the changes in rates to the president within the limitations of maximum figures to be fixed by congress.

"Any plan that takes out of the hands of congress the power to fix rates for a definite time would be unsettling to business," Mr. Wood continued. "There would be constant hearings before the tariff commission and we feel that the commission would make no more rapid progress in reaching declines than the interstate commerce commission makes, and everybody knows how fast that is."

Senators Smoot of Utah and Watson of Indiana, Republican members of the committee, differed with Mr. Wood, arguing that the plan proposed would result in less uncertainty for business in this country than would otherwise follow the liquidation in Europe and the changing values of currencies abroad. Senator Smoot declared that under present conditions congress would have to delegate authority as to tariff rates in some such manner as suggested by the president.

While agreeing that business here would have to suffer some measure of demoralization because of conditions overseas, Mr. Wood said he did not believe present conditions would last as long as some students thought they would.

"What we are most concerned with," he added, "is that there shall be an adequate and balanced tariff as speedily as possible and we fear that any new element in the situation will cause delay."

METHODISTS PLANNING FULL ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

Program Completed Has Good Music For 100 Per Cent. Rally Day.

Next Sunday the Methodist church expects to have an attendance of 100 per cent of its membership, according to plans of the pastor and the board of stewards. As an incentive to the realization of the plans, a program has been arranged which provides an abundance of good music in connection with the sermons in the morning and evening preached by the Rev. C. E. Peele.

The rally day is expected to revive in the membership the habit of attending the church's services, and to overcome the feeling of lassitude that prevails with some. If the church shall continue to be an influence for good in the community it is felt that it deserves the loyal support of every member.

At the head of the program sent out is the following announcement: "We are sending this program forth in the earnest hope that all our people will be present to attend upon the worship of God next Sunday, Dec. 18th, at 11 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock.

"Let us hold as a goal 100 per cent attendance. If you have not been present recently, be present this time. Form the habit of going to church; it is a good one."

ANTI-LYNCH LAW LIKELY TO PASS

REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES BEHIND MEASURE—ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BE TRIED IN FEDERAL COURT—SEVERE PENALTIES

Washington, Dec. 15.—The anti-lynching bill, framed by the Republican party as means of striking a blow at the South, will very probably be enacted, as far as the house of representatives is concerned, Saturday afternoon. Although Democrats will greatly impede its passage through the senate, its final passage is apparently certain.

The Republicans have caucused and agreed. The bill was introduced by Representative Dyer of Missouri, and in the beginning it was generally believed that Republicans, with large negro populations to cater to, would be satisfied with an active sponsorship without insistence that it be written into law. It develops today that the Republicans are determined to put it through. The bill would transfer all cases involving lynchings from state to federal courts, would fine and imprison from five years to life any one participating in a lynching, would imprison an officer lax in protecting a prisoner, and would fine the county in which a lynching occurred \$10,000.

Democrats are fighting the bill strenuously. They contend and believe that it is unconstitutional in that it warrants an invasion of state rights by the federal governments, although it is probable that a section imprisoning an officer found guilty of withholding protection is constitutional. Similar statutes obtain in Illinois, Ohio and South Carolina. They have not decreased lynching. Representative James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, leading the fight against the bill, declares that during the 11 years an anti-lynching provision has been in the constitution of South Carolina the lynchings have been only two less in number than during the 11 years preceding.

SUMTER PREPARES TO MEET WEEVIL

Sumter, Dec. 15.—The progressive business men of Sumter have been earnestly engaged during the past year in working out plans and propositions in marketing to meet the new conditions in farming brought about by the boll weevil. This work is now bearing results and already definite business organizations have been formed. The first of these and one promising to mean much to the farmers, especially in the next few years before they can afford to experiment with new crops or invest largely in stock and cattle, is the Sumter Canning company, the establishment of which has been brought about by the Young Men's Business league of this city. The organization stockholders' meeting has just been held and this was well attended by both leading business men of the city and prominent farmers of the county. The corporation is to be known as the Sumter Canning company and the following have been elected directors: H. J. Harby, R. A. Bradham, E. M. Hall, J. J. Brennan, Willie Shaw, D. G. F. Bultman, H. A. Shaver.

The directors were authorized to proceed with all matters necessary to put the company into operation and immediately elected officers as follows: President, H. J. Harby; vice president, R. A. Bradham; secretary and treasurer, E. M. Hall; and H. A. Shaver, superintendent. Mr. Shaver is a canner of experience. He is from Roanoke, Va., and for the past three years has been engaged in the canning business in Georgia and Florida.

HIGHWAY DIRECTORS HOLD SESSION HERE

MUCH ENTHUSIASM AROUSED BY CALHOUN ROAD OFFICIALS FROM PIEDMONT SECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND FROM NORTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA—WILL MEET NEXT IN CHESTER

At a meeting here yesterday of the officers and directors of the Calhoun Highway Association reports were made showing that work on the project is progressing favorably. Sections of the road are now being completed in a number of the counties between Wilmington, N. C., via Cheraw, Chester, Greenwood and Abbeville, and Athens, Ga. Chester was selected as the next meeting place, the date to be determined later.

The Calhoun Highway as originally mapped out was designed as a shorter route from the North to Florida, leaving the National highway at Cheraw and connecting with the Bankhead highway at Athens, Ga. At the solicitation of interested persons in North Carolina the project has been extended to take in a route direct to Wilmington, thus connecting the Piedmont section of South Carolina with North Carolina, the route passing through Marlboro and Dillon counties, into Robeson and Columbus counties in North Carolina and thence to Wilmington.

At the meeting yesterday there was present a delegation from Dillon county, consisting of Dr. Wade Stackhouse, Power Bethea and J. H. McCoy, which made the request that their county be taken into the association, Dr. Stackhouse assuring the body of his people's enthusiastic support of the movement. The Dillon association was welcomed as an important unit in the machine which is trying to link up the state in the good roads movement.

There was no representative present from Chester county, which, in the opinion of some of the members present, is not making satisfactory progress on the section of roads in its territory. This, it was pointed out, is due to the big problem of bridging the Broad river. Legislative action to secure state aid would be necessary to cross this stream, as is also the case at the Savannah River crossing near Calhoun Falls in Abbeville County.

S. M. Orr of Elberton, Ga., was elected vice president for State of Georgia in place of J. M. Abney of Athens, Ga. W. L. Bruck was elected a director from Robeson County, North Carolina, and J. D. Brown a vice president for Columbus County, North Carolina.

President Jacobs of Clinton, who presided, brought up the question of a marker to be placed along the route. A red star, an arrow and an

DOES NOT WANT PARDON

Dan Murphy Has Been in Penitentiary for 25 Years.

Columbia, Dec. 15.—Dan Murphy, the aged man of the state penitentiary, told attorneys interested in getting him a pardon today, that he did not want a pardon. He stated that he had been in the prison for a quarter of a century and there was no reason for his leaving the prison now.

"I'm thirty years behind the world and I'll never catch up," he stated. The attorneys presented to the state pardon board here today a petition for Dan's pardon, signed by many prominent Orangeburg citizens, and all of the living jurors who convicted him in 1894. Murphy was convicted of the murder of County Treasurer Robert Copes of Orangeburg. He stated today that he did not commit the crime; that he was in Georgia at the time. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Murphy has a wife and a son with a family living in Georgia. He says Colonel Sanders of the penitentiary is his friend and he had better stay where he is.

J. M. Nickles was a business visitor to Wilmington today.

arrow though a C were some of the suggestions, definite action on the matter being left to the president and secretary, W. W. Harris, after they had received suggestions from the members. President Jacobs sought to ascertain the colors of the Calhoun family in order that they might be used in the marker design. The information was not obtained yesterday, thought it is understood further investigation will be made.

Just before adjournment the question of the next meeting came up and invitations came from Greenwood through Kenneth Baker, from Clinton through Wilson Harris and from Abbeville through G. T. Barnes of the Chamber of Commerce. R. E. Hanna of Cheraw suggested that since Chester county had the greatest problems to meet, Chester was the strategic point to meet, which was accepted by the association in a unanimous vote.

An amusing incident occurred near the end of the meeting when a motion was made that R. E. Hanna of Cheraw be reimbursed for necessary expenses, along with the directors, in making the trip to Abbeville. Mr. Hanna attempted to amend the motion by adding the provision that he be allowed the right to present his bill at such time as he saw fit or whenever the bill weevil in its general glutony should devour his bank account. This amendment was refused and he had to take a check along with the directors.

Following adjournment the visiting members enjoyed a ride over town before leaving for their homes.

Present at the meeting were: J. F. Jacobs, Sr., Clinton, president; R. E. Hanna, Cheraw, vice president for South Carolina; Wilson W. Harris, Clinton, secretary and treasurer; J. E. Agerton, Pageland; M. C. Deaver, Carlisle; E. E. Child, Whitmire; James R. Copeland, Clinton; Kenneth Baker, Greenwood; J. S. Stark, Abbeville; S. M. Orr, Elberton, Ga.; Dr. H. M. Hampton, Colbert, Ga.; A. P. Dunaway, Smithsonia, Ga.; John T. Pittard, Winterville, Ga.; C. C. Douglas, Chesterfield; C. A. Jeter, Carlisle; W. M. Sherrard, Whitmire; C. W. Stone, Clinton; Thos. W. Cottrill, Greenwood; J. M. Nickles, Abbeville; C. A. Arnold, Elberton, Ga.; F. B. Smith, Carlton, Ga.; E. J. Ervin, Smithsonia, Ga., directors.

LIVE AT HOME DAY

Meeting To Be Held in Court House Tuesday

In accordance with a request of the American Cotton Association, a meeting will be held in the court room Tuesday December 20 at 11:30 o'clock to observe "Live at Home Day." Capt. G. N. Nickles of Due West, president of the Abbeville County division of the association, in issuing the call, says that the meeting is certain to be worth while and he hopes to have a representative gathering present.

COTTON MARKET

The cotton market was slightly better today, the day's activities showing a tendency to strength, the close being 9 to 30 points net higher than the previous day's close. December contracts closed at 18 cents, while January was 17.81. Spots steady around 18 cents.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D. of Columbia will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

DEFFICIENCY BILL TO WHITE HOUSE

SOUTH CAROLINA SENATOR PARTICIPATES IN DISCUSSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION—DIAL GIVES VIEWS.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Adoption by the senate late today of the conference report on the first deficiency bill sent the measure to the president, the house having adopted the report earlier.

Elimination by the conferees of an appropriation of \$100,000 for the relief of unemployment brought a charge by Senator France, (Republican) of Maryland that the stupidity of our government policy was aggravating rather than relieving the unemployment situation. Senator France predicted that by February or March, unless there is a complete reversal of the policy, conditions will be so deplorable that they may shake the republic to its foundation.

Senator Dial (Democrat) of South Carolina took issue with the Maryland senator with respect to the duties of the government to find jobs for workers, saying that "what is the matter with the country now is that most people are living beyond their means."

Senator Dial declared that congress was "kneeling to too many whims," and that there would be no prosperity congress quits meddling in affairs that are not governmental.

Senator Ashurst (Democrat) of Arizona, breaking into the debate, described Senator Dial's speech as "reactionary and standpat to the last degree." Mr. Ashurst criticized the failure to appropriate for the relief of unemployment and attacked the action by which money was refused for the building of a soldier hospital in Arizona while funds were allowed for the establishment of a government exhibit at an international exposition in Rio de Janeiro.

CHINESE MAKE NEW REQUEST

Washington, Dec. 15.—With the Shantung negotiations already at a delicate stage, the Chinese delegates threw a new element of controversy into the Far Eastern negotiations today by asking that the treaties resulting from the famous "21" demands be abrogated.

The Japanese immediately objected to consideration of the subject and the Far-Eastern committee abruptly adjourned. Before another meeting is held all of the national delegations will prepare to give an opinion on whether the Chinese proposal can properly be taken up under the conference agenda.

Meantime all the delegation spokesmen except the Chinese are declining to discuss the subject and mention of the abrogation proposal was omitted from the official communique of today's session.

In the view of the Chinese representatives the subject actually is before the committee and must be discussed and disposed of one way or another.

Further completing the negotiations China also asked the powers to make a definite and specific declaration abolishing all the claims to "spheres of influence" which have been made under several treaties with China. What disposition would be made of that proposal also was problematical.

Meantime some of the collateral issues of the Shantung negotiations were advanced, but the principal problem involved in Japanese withdrawal from the Tsing-Tao Tsinan railroad remained as much a stumbling block as ever.

LAURENS OFFICER SHOT TO DEATH

MEN TRY TO ARREST LIQUOR RUNNERS AND MEET WITH RESISTANCE, POLICEMAN MARTIN—TIMMONS AND WILLARD SURRENDER IN CLINTON.

Laurens, Dec. 15.—Monroe Willard and Luther Timmons, young white men of Clinton, were taken in charge by a sheriff's posse at Clinton about 5 o'clock this morning after an all night hunt following the fatal shooting near Mountville a few hours before of Hosea Martin, Laurens policeman, who, with another posse of officers, attempted to stop the two Clinton men alleged to have been making a liquor run from the upper part of the state to Clinton. The shooting took place about midnight and from the scene of the shooting at the Clinton Hospital.

During the day, yesterday, C. L. Owens, chief of rural police, learned that Timmons had gone toward Greenville and that he was expected to come back through Laurens last night with a load of whiskey. Enlisting the help of city police he set about to catch Timmons on his return. They did not know that Willard was with him.

The two men evaded the first traps set for them near Barkedale Station and the outskirts of Laurens by making a detour through the Trinity Ridge section on to Madden Station and thence by a round-about way to Clinton. The officers left their posts in this vicinity and going via Clinton met them on the road on the old Wright place near Mountville. As the officers in two cars met the two men in a Ford they got out and attempted to make an arrest. Without stopping their car, Timmons and Willard are said to have opened fire with pistols, one bullet striking Martin in the left side of the stomach. The officers returned the fire but the two men made their escape toward Clinton.

Rural Policeman Owens and City Policeman Bob Wham gave chase but allowed the fleeing men to get away in order to pick up a keg of whiskey which the two men evidently dropped from the car and also an automobile tire which flew in their flight. Arriving at Clinton the officers found the car abandoned at a filling station and the men gone. The officers continued their search and about five o'clock this morning the two men came into Clinton and surrendered to the sheriff, who had arrived on the scene. They were immediately brought to Laurens. The inquest has not yet been held.

MR. O. H. COBB RETURNS

Elected Manager of Co-operative Mercantile Company

Mr. O. H. Cobb, formerly in business at Abbeville, but for several years past engaged in business in Greenwood, has been elected manager of Co-operative Mercantile Co., succeeding Mr. Gilleland. He takes charge January 1st.

Child Died From Rabies.

Spartanburg, Dec. 15.—Edwin Tuck, aged 9, died today from rabies. The child was bitten about two weeks ago by a dog belonging to a neighbor. The dog which had shown no sign of being mad disappeared soon afterwards and has not been seen since.

NORTH CAROLINA VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Daniel of Rocky Mount, N. C., spent several days in the city this week with their daughter, Mrs. John White on Church street. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel were en route to Florida to spend the winter and were making the trip in their car.